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Rev. Father:

I was much interested in your account of those gold coins bearing an elephant and a floral design on the reverse that you describe in the last Numismatic Supplement of the J.A.S.B. I note that you have had great difficulty in locating the small fanam and I am herewith sending you a plaster cast of one we have here, which is in beautiful condition. Its weight is just a mere fraction under six grains. I am glad to have read your account as I was never satisfied in assigning these pieces to Orissa, which seems to have been the more common assignment.

Very sincerely yours,

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To,
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Dear Mr. Wood,

I am very grateful to you for your very kind letter of June 19, and for your appreciation of my article on the coins of Emperor Mallikārjuna of Vijayanagara. Your little fanam, the plaster cast of which you sent, is exactly like that of our collection. It is a very beautiful specimen, indeed. I have no recollection of having seen any other specimen of this fanam in the Indian Museum, and I am glad to know that there is one in your collection.

I am finally glad that I have made your acquaintance, at least by correspondence, on this occasion; and I shall always be happy to be of any service to you here in Bombay.

With kindest regards,

I am,
Yours sincerely,

H. Heras. S.J.